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Appeal No: 2007-3648  
Appellant: Carl M. Hoffmaster et al.  
Application No: 09/924,961  
Hearing Room: A  
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Hearing Date: Thursday, April 10, 2008  
Hearing Time: 01:00 PM  
Location: Madison Building - East Wing  
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In response to the Notice of Hearing mailed March 3, 2008, Appellant hereby confirms his request for an oral hearing in the above-identified matter.

The hearing is currently scheduled for April 10, 2008 at 1:00 P.M..

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